

## REPORT OF THE LEVEY PARK TRUSTEES

This year the spring cleanup to remove dead branches and winter debris from the park trails included cutting up two trees that had fallen across paths.

Continuing the practice of recent years, three-dozen shrub seedlings procured from the Belknap County Conservation District were planted throughout the park. This years selections included silver buffalo berry, red osier dogwood, and ninebark --- all varieties appreciated by birds and small wildlife.

The tables in the picnic area were given a fresh coat of stain. The lilacs that were planted behind the wooden fence along the back of this area a few years ago were limed to encourage growth.

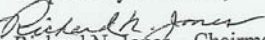
The side embankment parallel to Route 11 was cleared of deadwood and Waterman's Tree Service was engaged to open up the view at the scenic outlook with some selective cutting and pruning. The small stone enclosure around the flower garden at the memorial tablet suffered winter damage from a snowplow and was repaired. Our thanks once again to Claire Fitzgerald for looking after the garden during the year.

The Town of Alton's new website now contains a page in the Parks and Recreation section with information about Levey Park. Thanks go to Alan Sherwood for taking the pictures that appear on the page.

The 1924 deed which conveyed Levey Park to the Town of Alton provided that the Society for the Preservation of N.H. Forests (SPNHF) serves as a successor trustee of the property in the event that the Town should ever default maintaining the park as prescribed in the deed. Accordingly, once every few years a staff member of SPNHF comes on site to monitor compliance with the deed restrictions, and 2005 was one of those years. The trustees are pleased to report his assessment was a positive one. His report to the Town read in part: "The park is a lovely property, used by the public and well maintained and managed by the Town. It is encouraging to see that the past wishes of a conservation minded landowner are carried over forward for future generations".

Levey Park is open to the public from sunrise to sunset for picnicking, hiking, X-C skiing, and snowshoeing. No motorized vehicles of any kind are permitted, nor are open fires. Municipal well water is available during the warm weather months.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Richard N. Jones - Chairman  
Kenneth Gilbert - Secretary  
Claire Fitzgerald - Trustee